

# FACT SHEET



## DuPont Site (County Road X-23)

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### Introduction

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) conducts regular checkups, called five-year reviews, on certain Superfund sites. EPA Region 7 has started its second five-year review of the DuPont County Road X-23 site. The site consists of the Baier and McCarl subsites and is located approximately 3.5 miles south of West Point, Iowa.

The EPA is doing the five-year review to make sure the cleanup continues to protect people and the environment.

Before cleanup, wastes generated from Du Pont's paint manufacturing facility in Fort Madison, Iowa were disposed of on the two pieces of property. Volatile organic compounds and metals contamination were found at the subsites.

### Background

From 1949 through 1953, an estimated 48,000 to 72,000 55-gallon drums of waste from Du Pont's paint manufacturing operation in Fort Madison, Iowa were disposed of at the two subsites. In addition to drummed wastes, paint waste was placed in trenches and burned. The Baier subsite was the primary disposal area; however, during inclement weather when the Baier site was not accessible, wastes were disposed of at the McCarl subsite.

Under EPA oversight from 1992 to 1993, Du Pont excavated contaminated soil from both subsites and utilized a stabilization/solidification

process to treat the soil before placing all of the treated soil into the area of excavation at the Baier subsite. The treated soil was then covered with clean soil and grass. The Baier subsite was also fenced to keep people off the site and to protect the cover. Deed restrictions were placed on both subsites to limit the land uses. Du Pont continues to maintain both subsites.

### For More Information

During the review, EPA studies information on the site, and inspects the site to make sure it continues to be safe. We encourage the community to tell us about site conditions or concerns you may have.

Detailed site information can be found at the following locations:

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Memorial Library	EPA Record Center
3421 Avenue L.	901 N. 5 <sup>th</sup> Street
Fort Madison, Iowa	Kansas City, Kansas

If you have questions or need more information on the Du Pont site or the Five-Year Review process, please contact:

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